

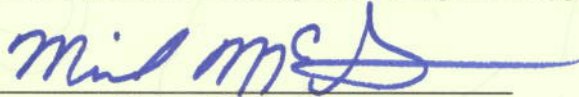
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Last month, voters in the State of Washington said yes to Referendum 74, an historic law that granted all couples in Washington the right to marry, regardless of gender; and
- WHEREAS,** December 9th marks the first day that we can perform these marriages; and
- WHEREAS,** we are reminded today of countless community members, activists, and politicians who have spent decades championing the cause of marriage equality both locally and nationally; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Seattle is honored to open its City Hall to 140 couples who have decided to marry today, whose courage and patience endured the long struggle for marriage equality; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Seattle is also proud to host the hundreds of people who are spending their day supporting these couples, from friends and families to judges, local businesses, and volunteers; and
- WHEREAS,** we recognize this day as a celebration of equality and love; a testament to the values of passion, patience and persistence,

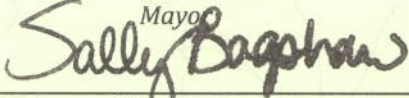
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael McGinn, Mayor of the City of Seattle, the Seattle City Council concurring, do hereby proclaim December 9, 2012 to be

Marriage Equality Day

in the City of Seattle and urge all to recognize the significance of this day and the work done to ensure its existence.



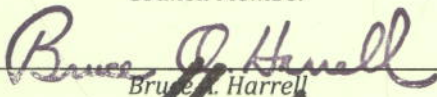
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Mayor



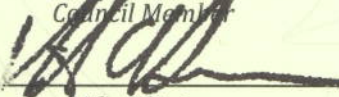
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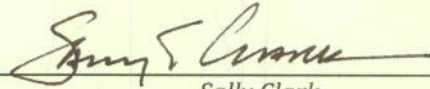
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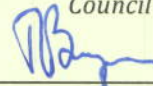
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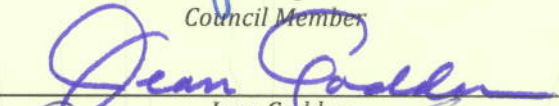
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